Industrial sickness

955. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the current level of industrial sickness in the country;

(b) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to find out the reasons for industrial sickness and for their revival in a time bound manner;

(c) the number of references made to BIFR during each of the last three years and the number of industries recommended for revival by BIFR, State-wise; and

(d) the number of such sick industries revived during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Labour Bureau, Shimla under Ministry of Labour & Employment has reported closure of 506 industrial units in the country during January 2002 to March 2005. The Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has registered 5183 sick units since its inception and till 31.1.2005 under the provision of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(b) As per the information given by Labour Bureau, Shimla, the major causes for the closure of industrial units are financial stringency, lack of demand for the products and shortage of power/raw material, amongst others. Besides providing a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industries, steps taken for revival of sick industrial units, *inter-alia,* include setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and issue of guidelines by Reserve Bank of India to banks for financial support and amalgamation of sick units with healthy units. Wherever feasible rehabilitation schemes are sanctioned for the revival of the units registered with the BIFR which *inter alia,* include restructuring of the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies, relief and concessions in the form of rescheduling of dues by Financial Institutions, banks, and Government and change of management.

(c) and (d) As per information received from BIFR, 236 cases were recommended for winding up during 2003-2004 and in the current year up

to 31.01.2005. State-wise and year-wise information is at Statement-I. (*See* below). During the above period revival schemes have been sanctioned in 103 cases as per details at Statement-II. (*See* below) Besides draft schemes for revival have been circulated in respect of another 52 cases as on 31.01.05 and the State-wise details are given at Statement-III. (*See* below)

Statement-I

State-wise winding up recommended cases

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003	2004	2005 (As on 31.01.05)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	8	1
2.	Assam	1	1	—
3.	Bihar	—	1	—
4.	Delhi	10	8	—
5.	Gujarat	14	8	—
6.	Haryana	4	2	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	—	1	—
8.	Jharkhand	1	1	—
9.	Karnataka	6	3	—
10.	Kerala	1	3	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5	7	—
12.	Maharashtra	28	15	1
13.	Orissa	6	2	—
14.	Punjab	6	3	—
15.	Rajasthan	6	2	—
16.	Tamil Nadu	24	12	—
17.	Uttar Pradesh	9	4	—
18.	Uttaranchal	—	1	—
19.	West Bengal	12	7	—
	Total:	145	89	2

Statement-II

State-wise scheme sanctioned cases

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003	2004	2005 (As on 31.01.05)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8	3	—
2.	Assam	3	—	—
3.	Delhi	—	8	—
4.	Goa	1	—	—
5.	Gujarat	5	3	—
6.	Haryana	1	1	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	—	—
8.	Jharkhand	—	3	—
9.	Karnataka	5	1	—
10.	Kerala	1	1	1
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1	—	—
12.	Maharashtra	8	12	—
13.	Meghalaya	1	—	—
14.	Orissa	1	—	—
15.	Punjab	—	2	—
16.	Rajasthan	1	—	1
17.	Tamil Nadu	8	3	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh	2	5	1
19.	West Bengal	7	4	—
	Total:	54	46	3

Statement-III

State-wise draft scheme cases

Sl. No.	State/UT	2005 (As on 31.01.05)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5
2.	Assam	1
3.	Chandigarh	1
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Gujarat	3
6.	Karnataka	5
7.	Kerala	3
8.	Maharashtra	9
9.	Meghalaya	1
10.	Punjab	3
11.	Rajasthan	2
12.	Tamil Nadu	10
13.	Uttar Pradesh	2
14.	West Bengal	3
	Total:	52

Target Plus Scheme

956. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh notification has been issued to accord the benefits of the Target Plus Scheme by now by the Directorate of Foreign Trade;

(b) if so, how many applications for this scheme have been received by DGFT for the period from 8th to 20th April, 2005; and

(c) what are the reasons and who are responsible for keeping this scheme in abeyance after announcing it since 8th April, 2005 till the issue of fresh notification?